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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/720,961	HUNLICH, KLAUS	
	Examiner Kevin Mew	Art Unit 2664	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 9/20/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-24, 26-37 which are renumbered as 1-18, respectively.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments/remarks filed on 9/20/2004 regarding claims 20-24, 26-37 have been considered. Claims 1-19, 25 have been canceled by the Applicant.
2. Acknowledgement is made of a certified copy of the 19829821.8 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 1 19(b) with regards to the Applicant's claim for foreign priority. The objection to the priority has been withdrawn.
3. Acknowledgement is made of the amended drawings and specification in response to the deficiencies of the drawings cited in the previous Office Action. The objection to the drawings has been withdrawn.
4. Acknowledgement is made of the amended claims in response to the deficiencies of claims 22, 26-27, 32 cited in the previous Office Action. The claim objection to claims 22, 26-27, 32 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application relates to establishing a route between a source node and a destination node in an ATM-LAN network with a plurality of network nodes connected to one another, including the unique steps of performing the method of "the network node receiving the connection setup message forwards the connection setup message to one or more other network nodes only if the only one or more other network nodes each has a network node address not entered in the received connection setup message, the one or more other network nodes being connected to the network node receiving the connection setup message." The closest prior art, Shobatake (USP 5,506,847), discloses a ATM-LAN system that comprises a connection setting process for transmitting a VP/VC link setting request and a VP/VC link chaining request to any one of the terminals, a broadcast channel for connecting any node and any terminal so that these requests may be transferred from any terminal to any node. However, Shobatake fails to anticipate or render obvious the above quoted limitations of the present application. This renders it allowable.

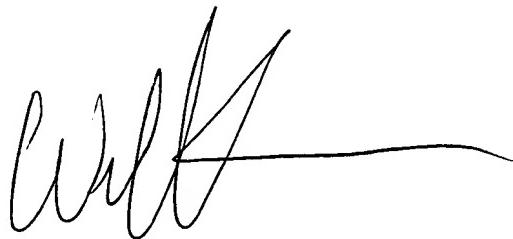
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Mew whose telephone number is 571-272-3141. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wellington Chin".

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